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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

IN RE: TRIAL SESSIONS FOR) GENERAL ORDER
CALENDAR YEAR 2001) NO. 01- <u>01</u>
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After consultation with the judges, and with their agreement,

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. Except as provided in the following paragraph, during calendar year 2001, the judges of this court will hold combined jury and non-jury sessions each month.
- 2. During calendar year 2001, combined jury and non-jury sessions will be held in the following months and tried by the following judges at North Platte, Nebraska, to wit: (a) February 2001, Judge Richard G. Kopf; (b) May 2001, Judge Joseph F. Bataillon; (c) August 2001, Judge Thomas M. Shanahan; (d) October 2001, Judge Lyle E. Strom.
- 3. For North Platte, magistrate judges are available to try civil jury and non-jury cases by consent during the last two weeks of February, May, August and October of 2001 and at other times during those months if agreeable with the district judge assigned to that particular month. Questions about consents should be addressed (a) to the magistrate judge who is assigned the case if the question arises prior to the pretrial conference or (b) to the magistrate judge who is handling the pretrial conference if the question arises at or after the pretrial conference.¹

¹ Note that the magistrate judge who handles the pretrial conference may be different from the magistrate judge who is generally assigned to that case.

4. The following magistrate judges will be responsible for handling the pretrial conferences for a given month during 2001, to wit: (a) Judge Thomas D. Thalken will hold pretrial conferences for the February session in January; (b) Judge David L. Piester will hold pretrial conferences for the May session in April; (c) Judge Kathleen A. Jaudzemis will hold pretrial conferences for the August session in July; (d) Judge Thomas D. Thalken will hold pretrial conferences for the October session in September.

DATED this 314 day of January, 2001.

Richard G. Kopf

Chief Judge